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WEATHER.

Western Oregon—Fair; increasing cloudiness showers north coast.

THE PACE OF PROGRESS.

The pace of modern progressive movements is a hot one and the dilatory community is the one that hangs in the back-stretch while its neighbors are swinging under the wire with more or less degrees of winning speed and capturing the prizes of greater or lesser value set up by the hand of generous opportunity.

There are hundreds of tracks whereon the ordinary town may try out its own pace and improve it to the limit of successful competition; and it is well to keep pretty regularly in harness and do a stunt every once in a while just to see that the place is not winded and the pace still unbroken.

Astoria is duly entered in the splendid Oregon event in which the purse and prize is the "Northwestern Rail and Marine Terminal Stakes," than which there is no finer trophy in the realm of chance, or fact, for her.

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FROM VAGUE BEGINNINGS.

There was never a great thing done yet that vague rumors of it did not percolate in and around interested centers long before the final facts were cast loose by way of indisputable confirmation. It has been held, down here, that the mouth of the Columbia was to be the center of a huge scheme of transportation development, founded upon the original fact that the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad had been purchased outright by the Hill interests; and that the Portland & Seattle Railway was rushing its north-bank line down the Columbia as fast as human skill, endurance, and money, could do it, eked out the rational conclusion that the Hill people were going to make a final, and feature, stand at this ocean port.

Now comes the pertinent and wholesome rumor, directly in line with this earlier program, that the Northern Pacific Railway has bought a big tract of 1800 acres, right at the spot where terminals would be indispensable, on the Warrenton peninsula, and the essential

confirmation of this stalwart report will follow in due course of time. It will never do to despise rumor. However vague it may appear to be, it is, nine times out of ten, the fore-breath of fact, and not infrequently, is inspired for given purposes, by the head and front of authority. And then rumor is one of the best agencies for keeping alive certain fixed and justifiable hopes that have lingered in the way to fruition far too long, and may be employed to smooth the edges of a too keen disappointment. Rumor is all right, especially if it fits nicely into a pending program and we hope to herald some big and gratifying facts, in the course of a few days, that will give grace and solidity to the popular talk of this big purchase by the N. P.

THE NEXT PRESIDENT.

Be he whom he may, the next President of these United States will be one of the strongest men within her borders, temperamentally, ethically, and in intellectual grasp of the entities. The Rooseveltian era has put mediocre men at so low a discount that no national party dare think of naming such a one as its standard-bearer in the year of grace, about to dawn. He will, in a sense, have to be greater than his party, for he will actually stand for the sum of wisdom, discretion, power and plentitude of will, which that party represents. We are done with weaklings; so tremendous have been the strides of progress all along the line of human thought and action in America during the past four years, that we are revolutionized out of our placidity and humdrum indifference and really are alive to our future in all its grave and potential significance. The people are taking a hand in government, nowadays, forced into the arena, at last, by the avalanche of fierce disclosures thrust upon them from a thousand accredited sources, and which they dare not ignore any longer.

If this people had nothing else to thank Theodore Roosevelt for besides the tremendous candor wherewith he has opened the eyes and ears of this nation to the vast frauds and impositions and outrages, political, financial, industrial, mercantile and governmental, under which it has staggered for untold years, he would still have all by way of honor the host of us might contribute for the balance of time. But there is more than this to the course he has led us, and only years of reflection and subsequent, recurring proof, direct to the point, will bring us full realization of the man's incalculable gift to his people.

And on just such an hypothesis as this we claim that the new political alignment of 1908 is to be among the greatest ever recorded, as will the history that ensues; for the next administration has an infinitude of problems awaiting solution that must be handled with a perspicuity commensurate with the wisdom of the man who raised them, Theodore Roosevelt. And not the unkindest decree of fate would be the irresistible edict from the people, en masse, that he stay and solve them himself.

Mesmer—Mesmer—Mesmer the Mystic at the Star.

OBSERVES BIG GROWTH.

Former Astorian Says New Buildings Are a Credit to the City.

D. R. Jones, manager of the State Lumber & Box Company, of Raymond, Wash., was a visitor in Astoria yesterday and states that he observes considerable improvement in the appearance of the city since he was here last, more than two years ago. He was formerly with the Tongue Point lumber mill.

"There are quite a few new buildings in Astoria which are a credit to the city," he said. "Building operations appear to be going ahead rapidly and there are evidences of great prosperity in the city. It looks to me as though this place is going to become the seaport that it should, in a short while."

"Of course we feel over in Raymond that we have the best port on the coast," he remarked. "The harbor bar has 26 feet of water and shipping is increasing at a great rate. New mills are continually appearing on the scene and the city has a population of 2500. That is growing some for a town only a few years old, and the indications are that we will have a big city on the site of Raymond."

Lame Back.

This is an ailment for which Chamberlain's Pain Balm has proven especially valuable. In almost every instance it affords prompt and permanent relief. Mr. Luke LaGrange of Orange, Mich., says of it: "After using a plaster and other remedies for three weeks for a bad lame back, I purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and two applications effected a cure." For sale by Frank Hart and leading Druggists.

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SCARED BY GHOST

Town Terrorized By Bullet Proof Specimen.

JOKERS MUDDLE THE MYSTERY

Mob Pursues Ghoulish Figure and the Sheriff Shoots a Dummy While Trying to Catch Real Apparition—Hideously Attired Forms.

PAOLI, Ind., Sept. 14.—Stories of midnight adventures with ghosts, or maybe human figures dressed in phantom-like apparel, are being told here daily, and women and children with nervous temperaments seldom venture out after night-fall, for fear of an encounter with the dreaded objects that have been frightening people here for a week.

Women and children congregate in groups on street corners and repeat stories told by some one who had a thrilling experience the night before and who escaped with terror the attack of the hideously attired forms.

These experiences have been, in many instances, of a serious nature, and the lives of those attacked have been in great danger of bodily harm. A young man named Hostetter, from Mitchell, called on a young woman here, and when he took leave of her near the midnight hour he was pursued by some object attired in black and heavily armed. Hostetter, being also armed, opened fire on the approaching object, which did not retreat, but approached even more rapidly than before and began emptying the contents of a weapon, the bullets barely missing the young man, who afterward sought refuge in a hotel here, where he remained all night.

Other persons have seen an object in woman's garb, with a black shroud enveloping its form, which in some instances would vanish on the approach of a human being, while in other cases it would follow people for some distance. It has been seen at all hours of the night.

Last night a number of men, heavily armed with guns and other weapons, began a search in an endeavor to ascertain, if possible, what the mysterious thing is, and what its object is in terrorizing timidly inclined citizens.

The excitement has been made more intense by practical jokers, who take advantage of conditions and play spook pranks. Sentinels were stationed at different parts of the town last night with instructions to spread the alarm in the event of the nightly apparition making its appearance.

At about 10 o'clock a sentinel stationed near the plant of the Paoli Cabinet Company observed a figure on the railroad track near the plant, and he at once gave the alarm by sounding the long shrill blasts of the factory whistle, which was responded to by Sheriff O. L. Maris and Deputy Sheriff Jones, well armed.

The sheriff ordered the motionless figure on the railroad track to throw up its hands, saying "that there had been enough foolishness going on about here." The hands remained motionless and the sheriff fired, and had it not been for the entreaties of Deputy Sheriff Jones to spare the life, the form would doubtless have been riddled with bullets.

The sheriff and his deputies then ventured a little nearer and found that the object was only a stuffed dummy, robed in a hideous garb and wearing a false face of a colored man.

The sheriff is saying mean things about the practical jokers, inasmuch as they make the catching of the real apparition more difficult.

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RESTRICT COPPER OUTPUT.

BUTTE, Sept. 14.—The mines of the Amalgamated Copper Company, of Butte, are not to be closed because of a glut in copper. Work is to be abandoned on Sundays, but there will be no general close down. The product is to be curtailed until it falls to about eight million pounds per month. It is now about twenty million pounds a month.

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Had Tetter For Thirty Years.

I have suffered with tetter for thirty years and have tried almost countless remedies with little, if any, relief. Three boxes of Chamberlain's Salve cured me. It was a torture. It breaks out a little sometimes, but nothing to what it used to do.—D. H. Breach, Midland City, Ala. Chamberlain's Salve is for sale by Frank Hart and leading Druggists.

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SUNDAY AT THE CHURCHES.

First Methodist. The sermon themes for Sunday will be found in the following texts: Morning, "For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us that we should live together with him."—1 Thess. 5:9-10. Evening, "For the mystery of iniquity doth already work."—2 Thess. 2:27. C. C. Rarick, pastor.

Alderbrook Presbyterian. Services at the Alderbrook Presbyterian Church at 10 o'clock a. m.

Christian Science. Services at 634 Grand avenue, Sunday at 10 a. m. Subject of sermon, "Matter." All are invited.

First Lutheran Synod. At the First Lutheran Synod church services at 10:45; evening services at 8 o'clock; Sunday school meets at 9:30 a. m. Theo. P. Neste, pastor.

Baptist. Morning theme, "The Queen of Heaven." Evening, "The Testimony of Jesus the Spirit of Prophecy." Sunday school, 10 a. m.; B. Y. P. M., 7 p. m. Everyone is given a cordial invitation to attend these meetings. Hear Billy Arlington's last reading at the Baptist Church Sunday evening, called "Dat Little Crippled Boy

Vat Diel." Conrad L. Owen, pastor.

Grace. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., Sunday school at 12:30 m. The Rev. John Warren will conduct service at Calvary Chapel, Seaside, at 10:30 a. m., and at Holy Innocents' Chapel, Uppertown, at 7:30 p. m.

Holy Innocents' Chapel: Sunday school at 11 a. m., evening service with sermon, 7:30 p. m.

First Lutheran. First Lutheran Church, Gustaf E. Rydquist, pastor. Morning service at 10:45. Theme for morning sermon: "I say unto thee, young man, arise." Evening service in English at 7:30. Theme for evening sermon: "The Miracles of Christ." Sunday school both at the Uppertown Church and in the German Lutheran on Grand avenue, at 9:30 a. m., Alema Nyland and Mrs. A. Young, superintendents. The public is cordially invited to attend the above services.

Presbyterian. Morning service at 11 o'clock, "A Study of a Face." Sunday school at 12; Y. P. S. C. E., 7:00; evening worship, 8; "The Bondsman." All are invited. Wm. J. Gilbert, pastor.

Norwegian Danish M. E. The Norwegian and Danish M. E. Church, Thirty-seventh and Duane St.

streets. Sunday school, 10 o'clock. Preaching at 11 morning and 8 evening. The Scandinavian people are invited, everybody welcome. Elias Gjerding, pastor.

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TELLS OF WORK AT PANAMA.

Engineer Goethals Sends Figures by Cable to Oyster Bay.

OYSTER BAY, Sept. 14.—The following cable dispatch from Engineer Goethals telling how they are making the dirt fly at Panama and the President's note of congratulation in reply were made public today. Engineer Goethals cabled:

"Colon, Sept. 13.—The President: Excuse my congratulations from the canal prism by steam shovels and dredges, 1,274,404 cubic yards; Laboca division, 108,284 cubic yards. This exceeds all previous United States records; highest preceding total for the canal prism was 1,058,776 cubic yards for July. Rainfall 11.89 inches.

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